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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CABLE SENT JUNE 3, 1974, TO
BALASOIU:

QTE IN YOUR LETTER TO COL. RAMUNDO OF FEBRUARY 11, 1974,
YOU INDICATED THAT YOUR MINISTRY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY THE
EXPENSES WITHIN ROMANIA OF A DOT HUMAN FACTORS SPECIALIST
DELEGATION WHICH MIGHT LATER VISIT ROMANIA. WE REGRET THAT WE
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER BECAUSE WE ARE NOT IN
A POSITION TO RECIPROCATATE IN THE CASE OF NON-MINISTERIAL
VISITS. OUR PRACTICE IN ALL OUR COOPERATION PROGRAMS, AND
A PRACTICE WE FEEL CONSTRAINED TO FOLLOW IN THE HUMAN FACTORS
EXCHANGE, IS THAT THE SENDING COUNTRY PAYS ALL EXPENSES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAVEL OF ITS SPECIALISTS.

JUST RECEIVED YOUR TELEX RE HUMAN FACTORS DELEGATION. A MORE
PRODUCTIVE VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF YOUR DELEGATION WAS
ABLE TO POSTPONE ARRIVAL UNTIL LAST WEEK IN JUNE OR
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EARLY JULY, BUT IF POSTPONEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE, OUR

OFFICIALS AT THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS CENTER WILL RECEIVE YOUR DELEGATION NEXT WEEK . PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE US TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS OR WHETHER THIS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. SIGNED RAY W. BRONEZ, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. UNQTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LOU. FYI: THE CLARIFICATION CONTAINED IN ABOVE MESSAGE WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF ARRIVAL ON SHORT NOTICE IN U.S. OF TWO ROMANIAN TRANSPORTATION DELEGATIONS ON JUNE 10 AND BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY THAT ROMANIAN MOTT MAY BE EXPECTING DOT TO FUND EXPENSES OF THESE GROUPS WHILE IN U.S. DOT RECOGNIZES THAT TIMING OF THIS CLARIFICATION IS UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S IMMINENT VISIT. HOWEVER, THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY BALASOIU AND RAMUNDO DURING LAST MEETING AND BALASOIU INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT DOT POSITION, BUT SAID THAT HE REQUIRES WRITTEN STATEMENT. END LOU. KISSINGER

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